

ACTING CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Residents:

In February, the City Council appointed me to serve as Interim City

Manager while they recruit for the position of City Manager with the assistance of executive search firm Avery Associates. The search should be concluded by late spring/early summer. I am appreciative of the Council placing their confidence in me to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Town Government during this interim period.



Acting City Manager & Planning Director Carl Cahill

I am happy to report that the Town enjoyed a busy social calendar this past quarter. Town sponsored events included the 3rd annual Hoppin' Hounds Easter "Egg" Hunt on April 15th. Over 125 attendees accompanied their canine pals on a hunt for specially colored dog biscuits hidden in the Byrne Preserve. The Earth Day Celebration and Big Cats Exhibition at Westwind Barn is a perennial favorite and this year was no exception. The majestic animals enthralled over 600 daring individuals who attended the daylong event. It was not all play for the Earth Day weekend. Residents helped clean Town pathways resulting in nearly a half ton of trash deposited in a dumpster at the Town Hall parking lot. It is encouraging to see such community spirit. The 5th Annual Pathway Run also staged at Westwind Barn rounded out the quarter on May 7th with more than 130 in attendance. I personally attended this event - specifically the 1-mile "Fun Run" with two of my children who marveled at the scenic beauty of the Byrne Preserve while they effortlessly scampered up hills that I hitherto thought were passable only by mountain goats.

The City Council has been active on the policy front this quarter contemplating several measures in the areas of energy conservation and urban forest management. The Council adopted a revised development area ordinance that exempted ground-mounted solar panels from development area calculations of up to 500 square feet. The Council also approved in concept a development area bonus for residents who install roof mounted solar systems subject to very specific limitations. This legislation is pending and will not likely take effect until late July. A new local energy standard is also scheduled to go into effect in late summer. New homes not yet permitted will be expected to exceed State Title 24 minimum energy efficiency standards by 15%. With regard to urban forest management, a Townwide tree hazard assessment survey was authorized by the City Council in the aftermath of a January storm that caused trees to topple over through out the Town resulting in one fatality. The Survey Report was completed in April and identifies trees that present an obvious, imminent risk of uprooting and/or large limb failure onto primary public streets. The Town Public Safety Officer is serving written notice to owners of affected properties to have the hazardous trees removed. If you would like a copy of the Report, please contact Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia at 941-7222 or sgarcia@losaltoshills.ca.gov

The City Council is also committed to an ambitious public

works/capital improvement plan this year. Some projects now underway this quarter and scheduled for completion by the end of the year include over a mile of new roadside pathways, a new Town riding arena paid for with State Park Bond funds, connection of the Town Little League Fields and Corporation Yard to sanitary sewer and completion of the Pine Lane Sanitary Sewer Diversion Project. The completion of this project will result in additional sanitary sewer connections being made available to Town residents in the Los Altos Sanitary Sewer Basin.

Finally if you are visiting Town Hall anytime soon, please welcome Judy Hooi, our new front desk receptionist and office specialist. Judy was hired in March and we are all very impressed with her cheerful disposition and ability to simultaneously manage the phones while still accomplishing a multitude of other tasks quickly and efficiently.

— Carl Cahill, Acting City Manager & Planning Director

SEWER STUDY UPDATE

The Town is served by two sewer systems. The north side of Town is served through the Palo Alto system. The Town has secured sufficient capacity for practically all homes in the north basin to connect to the sewer system.

The south side to Town is served through the Los Altos sewer system. Since 2001, the Town has not been able to provide residents with sewer connections because Los Altos had concerns about the capacity of their system and was not issuing any more connection rights until their consultants completed a master sewer study.

The sewer study was completed last year and there is available capacity. Los Altos has provided 75 connection rights available immediately to the Town for its citizens. In addition, the Town is negotiating a new sewer agreement with Los Altos that will provide capacity for all homes the south side plus the San Antonio Hills unincorporated area. We hope that this new agreement will be completed by the Fall of this year. Any homeowner in the south side of Town who wishes to connect to the sewer system should contact Henry Louie, Public Works Director at Town Hall (650) 941-7222.

Parks & Recreation Openings

Space is still available for the Ohlone Camp and Riding Camp in June and July. Contact: Tod McEmore, Recreation Director at (650) 941-7222 x 241 or TMCLemoe@losaltoshills.ca.gov

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